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I had to get a bill passed and the Legislature agreed that any athlete who is injured cannot lose that scholarship based on that injury. And the university was over here opposing that bill saying it's not necessary, we wouldn't do it. And shortly after its passage, I had to get on the Attorney General and the school because two female gymnasts had their scholarships snatched because they were injured.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's the kind of work I've had to do with reference to these athletes. Had to get a bill passed that said they must provide insurance the equivalent of worker's comp for any athlete at any university who is injured while participating in the athletic program, and they must even cover catastrophic injuries. Some people didn't know that was necessary. But a young man named Budge Porter became a quadriplegic, I believe, and there was no coverage for him, and they took him off the football field, they laid him on a door and put him in the back of a station wagon and took him to the hospital. That's how the university cares about its athletes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Pursuant to the agenda this morning, we will leave LB 242. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read re: LB 52, LB 55, LB 101, LB 114, LB 170, LB 170A, LB 759.) I have an amendment to LB 152 to be printed, Mr. President. That's all the items that I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 1354-1360.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dwite Pedersen would move to place LB 462 on General File, pursuant to Rule 3, Section 20.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dwite Pedersen, you're recognized to open on your motion.